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## PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Sir:

The Office Action dated August 27, 2003 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired November 27, 2003.

Since the attached response is being filed within the fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) we attach the appropriate petition fee of \$55.00.

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 03-2465.

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